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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Annie Mae Phipps Anderson on her 92nd birthday; and

WHEREAS, She was born May 4, 1917 in Grenada, Mississippi to the late Brady and Claudia Phipps, the second of 17 children; and

WHEREAS, She met and married Melemore Anderson when she was 17 years old; together they raised 8 children, Emal (deceased), Margaret (deceased), Robert Earl, Vera Lee (deceased), Christine, Ollie Faye, Carolyn, and Jerome; and

WHEREAS, She has also been blessed with 10 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren, and 2 great-great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, She was raised picking cotton, drawing water from the well, and heating the iron by the fire; she remembers fresh chicken and vegetables from the yard, walking miles to school and the community church; she also believes that these experiences developed her character and made her into a God-fearing and God-respectful, loving, strong, and courageous Black woman; and

1 WHEREAS, She has been a resident and faithful voter in the
2 27th Ward for 45 years; she attends Herman Baptist Church under
3 the ministry of Reverend Keith Edwards; she opens her door to
4 those who need a place to stay, and her home is a place where
5 people feel comfortable gathering on the holidays; and

6 WHEREAS, She is the entrepreneur who is responsible for
7 founding, manufacturing, and distributing "Annie's Cha-Cha and
8 Pickled Peppers"; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate Annie Mae Phipps Anderson on this momentous
12 occasion and wish her the best in the future; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Annie Mae Phipps Anderson as a symbol of our
15 sincere respect.